

TABLE 4: BIRTH AND DEATH RATES (PER 1,000 POPULATION) BY COLOR  
IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY 1951-1960

	Year	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
WHITE	Birth Rate	23.1	25.4	23.5	23.4	21.9	23.2	20.9	21.5	20.7	18.5
	Death Rate	7.5	6.1	7.0	6.5	6.9	8.4	9.5	8.3	8.4	10.2
BLACK	Birth Rate	43.4	37.0	44.0	33.8	48.2	43.5	44.5	38.5	37.7	36.6
	Death Rate	10.0	10.2	7.7	8.6	11.3	9.3	12.2	9.0	10.7	10.7

Statistics on outmigration from North Carolina by age groups and by color show that the greatest loss by outmigration took place among whites between the ages of 20 and 34, and among blacks between the ages of 20 and 39. This means that the Biscoe Planning Area is probably losing a large portion of its young adult population. Such a trend, if allowed to continue, will have great influence upon the nature of the labor force available and the characteristics of the future population. The better educated and more highly skilled young adults needed to draw higher paying industries will not be present. The population will be made up more and more of older people.

Based upon the preceding data, and using accepted population projection methods, the following population projections are made for the Biscoe Planning Area.

TABLE 5: POPULATION PROJECTIONS FOR THE 20 YEAR PLANNING PERIOD

	Montgomery County <sup>1</sup>	Biscoe <sup>2</sup>	One Mile Fringe Area <sup>2</sup>	Biscoe Planning Area
1960	18,408	1,053*	882**	1,935
1970	20,204	1,148	920	2,068
1980	22,000	1,277	1,036	2,313
1990	24,750	1,370	1,167	2,537

<sup>1</sup> Obtained and interpolated from N. C. County Population Projection Developed by the N. C. Social Science Advisory Committee, 1968.

<sup>2</sup> Determined by the Geometric Projection Method.

\* 1960 U. S. Census.

\*\*Number of housing units in fringe area multiplied by number of people per unit from 1960 U. S. Census data.